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Honorable Barbara B. Crabb
Chief Judge
United States District Court
Western District of Wisconsin
120 North Henry Street
Madison, WI 53703

Re: *United States v. Steven Skoien*
Case No. 08-CR-12-C

Dear Judge Crabb:

Defendant Steven Skoien has filed a second motion to postpone the date by which he must report to the Bureau of Prisons to begin serving his 24-month sentence. Skoien was sentenced on October 24, 2008, and ordered to report on January 15, 2009, after the Court stated that it would extend the reporting date from December 1, 2008, to allow Skoien to have shoulder surgery. Based on Skoien's first motion to postpone, this Court further delayed his report date until March 16, 2009. Skoien now requests another postponement allowing him to enter prison after his appeal is decided, or at least until June 15, 2009.

The United States does not oppose a third postponement based on the medical reasons set forth in Skoien's motion. The United States strongly opposes any postponement of the reporting date until after his appeal is decided. To grant a postponement for that reason is simply granting Skoien release pending appeal and he does not qualify for that release pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3143.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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